

# **Business, Management and Information Systems**

**CTE Weekly Update—May 21, 2008**

## **Reminder about PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—**

Montana Institute on Educational Technology (MIET) June 16-20, 2008 at MSU-Great Falls COT. All business and marketing teachers should have already received a brochure in the mail. MBITE will pay \$30 toward registration for the first 25 MBITE members who register. Business & Marketing teachers are also given first priority registration in the technology workshops. In addition to the institute, on June 16 a free session will be given discussing and informing teachers on the current work the advisory board has done developing the Business Management & Information Systems career field and the two pathways currently being worked on. For the full schedule and course descriptions and/or to register, log on: <http://outreach.msugf.edu> and click on the MIET link.

## **SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL CONFERENCES for DECA AND BPA**

The **Montana DECA** International Career Development Conference was a great success and was held in various hotels in downtown Atlanta, Georgia from April 26-29, 2009. Montana brought 122 students and advisors to compete internationally and received many honors, accolades and awards of excellence!

The **Montana Business Professionals of America** National Leadership Conference was also a huge success and was held at the Grand Sierra Resort Hotel in Reno, Nevada on May 6 – 10, 2008. Montana brought approximately 300 secondary and post-secondary students and advisors in attendance. Both divisions placed in the top ten and were constantly called to the stage to receive awards!

Look for more specifics for each of these National conferences soon on our OPI web site under 'Business and Marketing Education'.

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## **Environmental and Agricultural Systems**

The initial training session was held in Columbus, MT for the five schools in the pilot program for the National Quality Program Standards project on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In attendance were the five Ag teachers, an administrator and an advisory council member from each school, Dr. Igo from MSU Ag Ed, Bill Jimmerson and Brad King. The presenter for the meeting was Nina Crutchfield, LPS Representative from the National FFA Center.

It was a great start to the project. In July, the teachers and Bill Jimmerson will attend a national training in St. Louis. At their summer conference in 2009, the teachers will train the remainder of the Ag teachers in the state in the proper use and utilization of this great tool.

This is one of the early steps in adopting new program standards for Agriculture programs statewide. To see the National Ag Program Quality Standards go to:

<http://www.naae.org/links/resources/PDF/quality%20standards.pdf>

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## Health Sciences

Health Sciences Career Pathway members met with Tribal Colleges and Tribal Health Services representatives in Billings this week to discuss the possibility of establishing a Public Health education track that would begin in high school, progress into a two year AAS degree, and offer the option of continuing on for a BS in Public Health.

Montana State University has committed grant funds to further explore the Public Health Education concept and a follow up conference is planned for July 28 and 29th in Billings. Details will be released later in June.

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## Industrial Technology

The Tech Prep Pathway group met in Helena last week. It was agreed upon that the current timeframe has to be restructured. An update memo from this meeting will be issued by the core group and released shortly.

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